

# *From the desk of . . .*

C. F. Gordon, Jr.

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Mr. Roger Cohen, Jr.  
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Dear Roger:

Its been too long since we have seen or heard from one another. Maybe this letter won't even reach you (copied from your book). 1971

As you know I'm a collector of early and late date large cents, but now down to 6 early varieties, must do something else to keep busy, since a heart attack. (Getting along just fine, but not making any shows for several months).

I have a collection of half cents which I will get out of bank when in Orlando. Have one of each date except 1793 and 1796. Even have a pitted low grade 1797 lettered edge. If interest in what I have, will attribute each and let you know.

What do you have for sale, would be interested in going varieties in half cents too?

Heres hoping that you are still collecting and in good health. Best wishes to you,

An old copper buddy,



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Never  
Answered

Dear C.F.

Nice to hear from you. The address is OK however it's been using P.O. Box 41046 Belvedere Md 20014 since the letter carrier seems to change every 2 or 3 months and it was taken until late afternoon to get my business mail.

The Nat. generally known but I collect Large (Double Half) Cents also. I'm trying the Sheldon Numbers but haven't tackled Newcomb yet. Let me guess as to what the 6 Large Cents you need are. 15, 16, 33, 37, 79 and 217. How close am I? I've done fairly well as my list is as follows 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 11a, 11b, 11c, 16, 18a, 27, 37, 50, 52, 53, 79, 80, 96, 119, 121a, 188 and 217. As you can see I've avoided 1703's but this will change. My average condition is about 8 so I don't have one of the high powered collectors that one dreams of but never gets. I only have 2 NC's 1802<sup>#1</sup> and 1803<sup>#1</sup>. It'd be interesting to know what you have not to buy or trade but just to know.

I'd also like to know which Half Cent you have. You'll find that there like the large cents in that certain varieties you seem to just never get. From September 1972 till October 1973 I had all known varieties then the large edge letters showed up, showed

up on 1794 #4 followed by 1794 #3, 5 + 6 which  
I still need but can't afford to buy at the  
astronomical price being asked. More will show up  
as I am afraid it will take long enough to find all.

I do have some duplicate Half Cents for sale or  
trade. The condition of these isn't great as condition is  
the main thing important. For example an EF coin at  
\$40 is acceptable to me rather than an UNC 60 <sup>at</sup> \$100.  
The 10 times premium for about 2 grains of  
copper seems ridiculous. I like to handle my  
coins and just worry about preserving some traces  
of Mint Red. It could give more example but its  
just one of my personal feelings. Right now I'm  
preparing a talk that I'm going to give in a  
month or so at a coin meet. Which she tells  
"The ridiculous proposition of Condition" I may get  
boozed off the speakers platform but I don't care  
as I feel that to many people are snobs when  
it comes to collecting. enough of that for now.

It was good to hear from you and hope  
you have recovered from your illness.

Sincerely

Robert